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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cosmetic or pharmaceutical or dermatological composition containing an effective amount of decorin dissolved or dispersed for topical administration in a cosmetically or dermatologically or pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1, wherein said decorin is naturally derived obtained from nature without modification or produced by recombinant means.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The composition of claim 2, wherein said decorin comprises the human mature core protein a human protein which is highly homologous to decorin polypeptide set forth as amino acids 1-329 of SEQ ID NO:6.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The composition of claim 3, wherein said human decorin core protein is present in an amount between [[about]] 0.5 [[.mu.g]]microgram/ml and [[about]]5,000 [[.mu.g]]microgram/ml.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The composition of claim 4, wherein said decorin is present in an amount between [[about]] 5 [[.mu.g]]microgram/ml to about 500 [[.mu.g]]microgram/ml.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of treating the skin of a human to combrate aging, reduce signs of skin aging (e.g. lines, wrinkles, loss of elasticity, sagging, skin dryness and unevenness, blotches, age spots, pigmented spots), comprising applying to the skin a cosmetic or dermatological or pharmaceutical composition containing an effective amount of decorin dissolved or dispersed in a cosmetically or pharmaceutically dermatologically acceptable vehicle.

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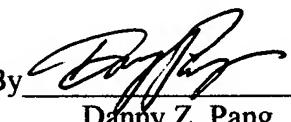
Claim 7 (currently amended): The method of claim 6 wherein the composition comprise decorin naturally derived obtained from nature without modification or produced by recombinant means.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim 7 wherein the composition comprises the human mature core protein a human protein which is highly homologous to decorin polypeptide set forth as amino acids 1-329 of SEQ ID NO:6.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim 8 wherein the composition comprises decorin in an amount from about between 0.5 [μ g] microgram/ml to about and 5,000 [μ g] microgram/ml.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method of claim 9 wherein the composition comprises decorin in an amount from about between 5 [μ g] microgram/ml to about and 500 [μ g] microgram/ml.

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